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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: CONTACT GROUP MEETING WITH SOUTH
AFRICANS SEPTEMBER 6

1. CONTACT GROUP MET WITH SOUTH AFRICAN FOREIGN SECRETARY
FOURIE AND AIDES AT 4:30 P.M. SEPTEMBER 6. UK (RICHARD)
BEGAN MEETING BY INFORMING SOUTH AFRICANS THAT REPRESENTATIVES
OF AFRICAN GROUP HAD TOLD CONTACT GROUP EARLIER SEPT 6 THAT IT
COULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE FORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE SECURITY
COUNCIL THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 WITH A FORMAL MEETING AND VOTE
ON A RESOLUTION ON FRIDAY.
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RICHARD THEN BROACHED THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE CEASEFIRE
DOCUMENTS WHICH WOULD BE SEPARATELY SIGNED BY BOTH SWAPO AND
THE SAG. HE HANDED THE SOUTH AFRICANS A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT
DRAFTED BY THE CONTACT GROUP (SEPTTEL). RICHARD EMPHASIZED
THAT THE ISSUE OF A CEASEFIRE WAS LINKED TO THAT OF TROOP
NUMBERS, I.E. THAT A MORE FORMAL CEASEFIRE ACCEPTABLE TO BOTH
SIDES COULD HAVE AN EFFECT

ON THE EVENTUAL NUMBER OF UNTAG TROOPS. RICHARD ALSO NOTED THAT IT NOW APPEARED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO ASK THE SYG TO ISSUE A "SEMI-FORMAL" STATEMENT REAFFIRMING THAT THE FUNCTION OF THE UNTAG POLICE ELEMENT WOULD BE ONLY MONITORING AND ALSO "SAYING SOMETHING" ON TROOP NUMBERS. (AMB MCHENRY LATER ADDED THAT PERHAPS THE SYG STATEMENT COULD ALSO ADDRESS THE POINT OF COOPERATION WITH UNTAG BY NEIGHBORING STATES.) RICHARD ENDED HIS PRESENTATION BY SAYING IN EFFECT THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WAS NOW OFFERING A "PACKAGE" WITH THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: (1) A SOLEMN AND BINDING CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT, (2) A WALDHEIM STATEMENT ON POLICE AND TROOP NUMBERS AND (3) PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SYG'S REPORT, ESTABLISHING UNTAG AND MANDATING A CEASEFIRE.

2. FOURIE ANSWERED THAT MINISTER BOTHA CONSIDERED IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT HE RETURN TO PRETORIA TONIGHT. NEVERTHELESS, FOURIE WOULD CONVEY THE VIEWS JUST EXPRESSED BY THE CONTACT GROUP TO HIS MINISTER. REGARDING THE DRAFT CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT FOURIE SAID HE COULD OFFER NO COMMENTS AT THIS TIME BUT COULD ONLY SEEK CLARIFICATIONS FROM THE GROUP. HE DID NOT UNDERSTAND, FOR EXAMPLE, WHY SWAPO DID NOT SIMPLY SIGN A STATEMENT INDICATING AGREEMENT TO THE PROPOSAL JUST AS SOUTH AFRICA HAS DONE. HE QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR A SEPARATE PIECE OF PAPER IF BOTH SIDES ACCEPTED THE SYG REPORT. RICHARD
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REPEATED HIS POINT THAT A FORMAL CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT WOULD MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE SYG TO SAY THAT 7500 WAS A MAXIMUM FIGURE WHICH NEED NOT NECESSARILY BE ATTAINED. FOURIE EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN AS TO WHAT ACTIONS WOULD BE TAKEN IF SWAPO BROKE THE CEASEFIRE EVEN AFTER SIGNING THE FORMAL DOCUMENT. THE CONTACT GROUP RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS ALWAYS A DANGER OF ANY CEASEFIRE BEING BROKEN BUT THAT IT WOULD BE MOST UNUSUAL TO TRY AND SPECIFY IN A CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT THE CONSEQUENCES OF BREAKING IT.

3. FOURIE AGAIN COMPLAINED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED ON THE TROOP NUMBERS QUESTION. MCHENRY RESPONDED THAT CERTAINLY THE SOUTH AFRICANS WERE BEING CONSULTED ON THIS ISSUE IN NEW YORK IN THEIR TALKS WITH UN OFFICIALS. IT SEEMED THAT WHAT THE SOUTH AFRICANS WANTED WAS NOT "CONSULTATIONS" BUT A VETO POWER -- AND THIS COULD NOT BE GRANTED. ON THE QUESTION OF POLICE, MCHENRY EMPHASIZED THAT THE SYG WAS WILLING TO CORRECT ANY IMPRESSION HIS REPORT HAD CREATED THAT HE MEANT TO CHANGE THE ROLE OF THE POLICE COMPONENT FROM THAT OF A STRICTLY MONITORING ONE. HE MIGHT DO THIS

BY A SEPARATE ASSURANCE, AS SUGGESTED BY AMB RICHARD.
HE MIGHT EVEN BE WILLING TO REVISE HIS REPORT
ALTHOUGH IN GENERAL HE WOULD WISH TO AVOID SUCH A
STEP.

4. IN SUMMING UP FOURIE SAID THAT HE NOW UNDERSTOOD
THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS BEING OFFERED A PACKAGE -- A
CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT, A SC RESOLUTION AND A STATEMENT
OF CERTAIN ASSURANCES BY THE SYG ON POLICE AND TROOP
NUMBERS. HE NOTED THAT BY SIGNING THE CEASEFIRE DOCUMENT
SOUTH AFRICA WOULD AT LEAST IMPLICITLY BE APPROVING
THE SYG REPORT. FOR A STEP OF THAT MAGNITUDE FOREIGN

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MINISTER BOTHA MUST RETURN TO PRETORIA FOR FULL
CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CABINET. BOTHA WAS NOT EMPOWERED
TO ACCEPT THE SYG'S REPORT WITHOUT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
FOURIE NOTED THAT THE CONTACT GROUP WAS MAKING AN
EFFORT TO MEET SOUTH AFRICA'S CONCERNS AND HE ASSURED
THE GROUP THAT GENERAL PHILIPP'S JUSTIFICATIONS FOR

UNTAG TROOP NUMBERS WOULD BE REPORTED FAIRLY TO
PRETORIA. RICHARD THEN EMPHASIZED THAT SOME OF THE
NEGOTIATING GAINS MADE WITH THE AFRICANS
OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS COULD EVAPORATE IF BOTHA
NOW LEFT NEW YORK. FOURIE SIMPLY REPLIED THAT BOTHA
COULD NOT NOW MAKE THE DECISIONS IN NEW YORK THAT HE
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